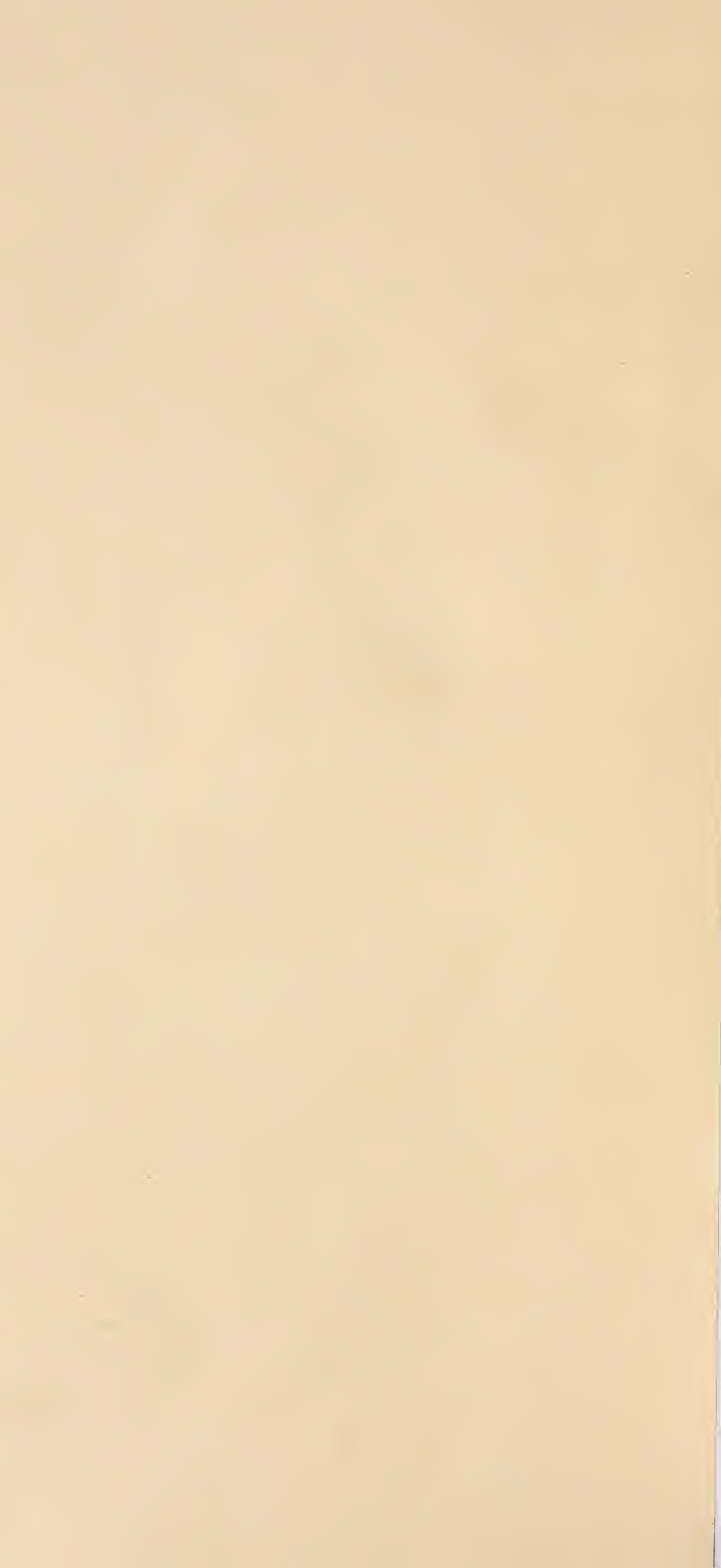


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ELECTION BY MAIL  
OF ASC COMMUNITY COMMITTEEMEN  
**VOTE FOR FARMERS  
OF YOUR CHOICE**

Election: 3rd Week of September

# VOTE FOR FARM

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*This leaflet tells how to vote for community committeemen. They help run ASCS farm programs locally. These programs include price supports, acreage allotments, and conservation cost-sharing.*

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- Make diversion payments and price support payments to farmers who sign up.
- Make loans on most harvested crops.
- Make loans for grain bins.
- Pay share of cost of carrying out conservation practices on farms.



## YOUR VOTE

As a farmer, you will want to vote for community committeemen of your choice. If you fail to vote, then you have no say as to who is chosen to represent your community, or to tell you about farm programs.

## WHO CAN VOTE ?

Just about any farmer--man or woman, owner, tenant or sharecropper--who is growing a crop can vote for community committeemen.

Both husband and wife can vote in certain States, including Louisiana and Texas. A wife in any State who is a joint operator with her husband can vote. And a wife who is a joint owner of a farm with her husband can vote if her name is on the deed of conveyance.

A youth under legal voting age can vote if he runs a farm. And a legal guardian who runs a farm for a minor child can vote for the child.

A list of those who may vote is in the ASCS county office. You can see it if you wish.

## WHO CAN RUN FOR COMMITTEEMAN ?

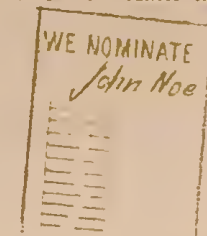
Almost any farmer who can vote in ASC elections may run for community committeeman. If you are in doubt, find out about it at your ASCS county office.



## WHO CAN NOMINATE COMMITTEEMEN ?

Any 6 or more farmers in the same community can nominate a farmer of their community by signing a petition. A farmer may sign as many petitions as he wishes.

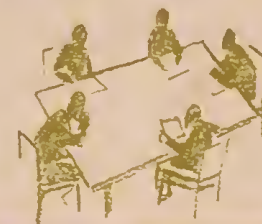
There are 2 other ways that farmers may be nominated. One is by the community committee which nominates 6-10 candidates.



The other is by the county committee when a community committee nominates less than 10. If minority group farmers make up 10 percent or more of those in a community who can vote in ASC elections, the county committee must nominate one of them, unless at least one has already been nominated by the community committee, or by petition.

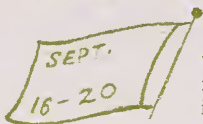
## HOW MANY COMMITTEEMEN ARE ELECTED ?

Three regular community committeemen and 2 alternates are elected each year. The farmer getting the largest vote becomes chairman; 2nd largest, vice chairman; 3rd largest, regular member; and 4th and 5th largest become 1st and 2nd alternate committeemen who serve in the absence of any of the 3 committeemen.



A community committee with county office manager.

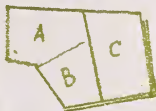
# WHEN ARE ELECTIONS HELD?



The 1968 elections will be held during the week of September 16-20. Ballots will be mailed to voters 10 days ahead of the election in your county.

## COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES

So that you may know the boundaries of the community in which you live and vote, your county committee will announce approved community boundaries at least 35 days before the election. If you have questions about the boundaries of your community, call or visit your county office.



## DON'T MISS OUT ON VOTING

If you believe you have the right to vote in ASC elections, but do not get a ballot and election instructions in the mail, ask about it right away at your ASCS county office.

Take along proof of your right to vote. Take along the deed to your farm if you are an owner. Or if you are a tenant or sharecropper, take along a written statement from your landlord.

If you are not satisfied after visiting your county office, write or call your ASC State committee, or a member of your State Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity. Your county office manager will give you the address. If you need further help, send a postal card or letter to the ASCS Administrator, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250

## MARKING YOUR BALLOT

The ballot you will receive 10 days before the election will list all of your community's candidates in A, B, C, D order. If the farmers you wish to vote for are not listed, write their names on the blank lines at the bottom of the ballot.

Look the list over carefully. Vote for farmers you would like to have represent you on the committee.

You may vote for 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 of the nominees, but vote for no more than 5. If you should vote for more than 5, your vote will not be counted. But keep in mind that this number may be different in 1-community counties.



## 2 ENVELOPES

Along with your ballot you will get 2 envelopes. One is plain and the other is addressed to your county office. When you have voted your ballot by placing (X) by the names of the farmers of your choice, fold your ballot and seal it in the plain envelope. Do not write on the plain envelope. Leaving it unmarked keeps your ballot secret.

Then put the plain envelope containing your ballot into the envelope addressed to your county office and seal it. After you have sealed it, sign or mark "X" on the form on the back of the envelope. In this way you certify or swear that you voted your own ballot personally without undue influence of others.

## USING "X" MARK

If you make "X", it must be done in the presence of a witness who will complete the form as shown below. If your ballot is not properly completed, your vote will not be counted as a vote.

See back of outside envelope

I certify that the enclosed ballot was voted personally by me without duress, menace or undue influence by any person. (Criminal penalty for false statement—Fine to \$10,000 or imprisonment to 5 years or both—18 U.S.C. 1001)



Voter  
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DATE VOTED

*Sept. 12, 1968*

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*JOHN TOE*

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*Sam Creek*

Mail your ballot right away; no postage is needed.

## COUNTING THE VOTES

Within 5 days after election, the votes will be counted publicly by your ASC county committee in a place open to all races. You may watch the counting if you wish. You will be notified of the date and place of the counting.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the election, or about any of the ASCS farm programs, call or drop by your ASCS county office. The office belongs to all the people, and everyone is always welcome.

